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BULLETIN
OF THE
TORREY BOTANICAL CLUB.

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§ 98. **Proceedings of the Torrey Club.**—The regular meeting of the Club was held at the Herbarium, Columbia College, Tuesday evening, November 9th, the President in the chair, and nineteen members and one visitor in attendance.

The donation to the Club's library was announced of two numbers of the *Characeae Americanae* by the author, Dr. T. F. Allen.

Plants exhibited.—Prof. Wood exhibited and remarked upon a number of specimens of plants from the North-western Territories, many of which are undescribed in American botanical works, and will probably prove to be new species. Among other interesting things was a specimen of *Aster praealtus*, a species which has long been lost sight of. Mr. Tweedy brought specimens of *Adiantum Capillus-Veneris*, L., gathered in Texas, and of *Aspidium aculeatum*, Swartz., var. *Braunii*, Koch, from Crane's Mountain, Warren County, N. Y. Miss Knight called attention to the fact that the last-mentioned fern was found by Prof. Benedict many years ago on Mount Marcy, and again in 1874 by Miss Edith Gleason, on the trail to Preston Ponds, in the Adirondack region, Essex County.

New Stations.—Mr. Bicknell gave the upper end of New York Island as a station for *Aster amethystinus*, Nutt., *Pycnanthemum Torreyi*, Benth. and *Desmodium viridiflorum*, Beck.

Albinism.—Mr. Britton reported that a white-flowered variety of *Cypripedium acaule*, Ait. had been detected the present season near Bridgeton, N. J., by Dr. J. Potter.

Large Cornus.—Mr. Britton also stated that at the last-named locality he had observed a specimen of *Cornus florida*, L., the trunk of which measured five feet and four inches in circumference.

Teratology.—Mr. Bicknell exhibited several chestnut "burs," each of which was composed of two involucre which had cohered by the edges of their contiguous valves so as to form but a single individual having six valves and enclosing seven nuts, one of which was seated directly on the line of cohesion. Mr. Bicknell also showed examples of heterophylly in the apple-tree. The leaves exhibited were nearly all deeply cut-lobed and sharply toothed, resembling those of *Crataegus coccinea*, and were taken from a tree which had run wild in the upper part of New York Island.

A Weeping Apple-tree. Mr. Britton remarked on an accidental variety of the common apple-tree which he had observed at Bridgeton, N. J., the present season, some of the pendulous and trailing branches of which were ten feet in length. The tree grew on the farm of Dr. J. B. Potter.

The President remarked at some length on the plants observed by him in the Western Territories this season, and signified his intention of exhibiting specimens to the Club as soon as they should be properly arranged.

One corresponding and two active members were elected.